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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**Jun 14, 2023**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMANDA LOUISE GAUSNELL,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-MJ-00210-JAG-1

ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO  
REOPEN DETENTION HEARING

**ECF No. 18**

On Friday, June 9, 2023, the Court conducted a hearing on Defendant's Motion to Reopen Detention Hearing (ECF No. 18). Defendant was represented by Assistant Federal Defender Amy Rubin. Special Assistant United States Attorney Allie Jensen represented the United States. With Defendant's consent, Defendant appeared by video from Spokane, Washington.

On May 15, 2023, Magistrate Judge James A. Goeke held a detention hearing and released Defendant to inpatient treatment. ECF No. 17. Having successfully completed treatment, Defendant has filed a motion for this Court to grant her release to reside at a personal residence approved by United States Probation/Pretrial Services while attending intensive outpatient treatment at New

1 Horizons in Spokane Valley. ECF No. 18. Neither the United States, nor United  
2 States Probation/Pretrial Services have any objection to Defendant's release.

3 The issue of pretrial release is governed by 18 U.S.C. § 3142. Under that  
4 statute, a judicial officer shall order that a defendant awaiting trial be (1) "released  
5 on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond," (2)  
6 "released on a condition or combination of conditions," or (3) detained pending  
7 trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(a). The judicial officer shall conduct a detention hearing to  
8 determine "whether any condition or combination of conditions set forth in [§  
9 3142(c)] will reasonably assure the appearance of such person as required and the  
10 safety of any other person and the community." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The judicial  
11 officer shall order the defendant be detained if the United States shows either (1)  
12 by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant will not appear as required,  
13 or (2) by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant poses a risk to the safety  
14 of any other person and the community. *Id.*; *United States v. Gebro*, 948 F.2d  
15 1118, 1121 (9th Cir. 1991) ("On a motion for pretrial detention, the government  
16 bears the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant  
17 poses a flight risk, and by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant poses a  
18 danger to the community").

19 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g), this Court has taken into account the nature  
20 and circumstances of the offense charged, the weight of the evidence against the

1 Defendant, as well as Defendant's history and characteristics, including character,  
2 physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length  
3 of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct and history relating  
4 to alcohol and drug abuse, and also criminal history, record concerning appearance  
5 at court proceedings, whether Defendant was under supervision at the time of the  
6 alleged offense, and the nature and seriousness of the danger to the community  
7 posed by Defendant's release.

8       Considering Defendant's pending completion of inpatient treatment and the  
9 agreement of both the United States Probation/Pretrial Services Office and the  
10 United States Attorney's Office with release, the Court finds that the United States  
11 has not established by the required preponderance of evidence an absence of  
12 conditions or combination of conditions of release that would reasonably assure  
13 Defendant will appear as required. Furthermore, the United States has not  
14 established by clear and convincing evidence conditions or a combination of  
15 conditions of release that would mitigate the risk to the safety of other persons or  
16 the community that Defendant poses.

17       Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

18       1. Defendant's Motion to Reopen Detention Hearing (**ECF No. 18**) is  
19 **GRANTED.**

1           2.     Defendant shall be released on all previously imposed conditions of  
2 release.

3           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4           DATED June 14, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexander C. Ekstrom".

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ALEXANDER C. EKSTROM  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE